GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2832 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018

CASES OF TRIPLE CONCURRENT INFECTION

2832. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cases of Triple Concurrent Infection (person can get dengue, malaria and chikungunya at the same time) have been reported recently and are on the rise;
- (b) if so, the number of cases reported so far in the country;
- (c) what are the steps taken by Government to check the spread of Triple Concurrent Infection; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) & (b): National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) collects separate report for all the vector borne diseases including dengue, malaria and chikungunya. No State/UT has reported to NVBDCP any case of triple concurrent Infection with dengue, chikungunya and malaria till date.

However, two cases of Triple Concurrent Infection (same time with dengue, malaria and chikungunya) have been published as research articles.

(c) & (d): Government has an Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) – a National Programme under National Health Mission (NHM) - to detect and respond to outbreaks due to epidemic prone diseases including dengue, malaria and chikungunya to provide the States/UTs with additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases, IT equipment for data entry, analysis and data transfer, and provision of funds for operationalization of the programme.